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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/300,482

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For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with the
Phosphogluconate Pathway**

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Amendment and Response

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003 (Paper Number 22) ("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks:

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